STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Mr. FRANK CLEMENT, GOVERNOR
MR. HERMAN YEATMAN, COMMISSIONER

RESOLUTION

Whereas, there still exist a need in Weakley County, Tennessee for safeguarding the health of low-income families through better nutrition and increasing the flow of foods from the Nation's farms through normal trade channels; and,

Whereas, the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Weakley County Department of Public Welfare has studied the Food Stamp Program which the United States Department of Agriculture tried out in 43 areas in the United States in May 1961, The test proved three things:

1. Farmers benefited from expanded markets.
2. Low-income families ate much more and better foods, diets are more nutritious.
3. Local businesses and whole communities benefited, sales in retail stores increased.

Tennessee now has 18 counties participating in the Food Stamp Program. Nine of these counties are in West Tennessee. The Department of Public Welfare has the responsibility of certifying the persons who are eligible for Food Stamps. This program is for low income families including welfare recipients and persons not on welfare. If approved, an identification care is issued. The card will have the amount of money they will have to have to purchase Stamps and the total stamps they will receive for their money. The person pays about 52% and about 48% additional stamps are given free. The U. S. Government pays for all the free stamps. For instance a three person household whose income is between $50 and $60 per month may buy coupons amounting to $20 and be given additional coupons amounting to $24 or a total of $44 with which to buy food. The U. S. D. A., Consumer and Marketing Services, works with merchants and wholesalers. They can take Food Stamp coupons to banks for redemption. Local banks send the coupons to Federal Reserve Banks. The County furnishes office space and assumes about 2/5th of thd cost of administration. A Food Stamp Program would cost Weakley County approximately $7500.00 yearly which is paid each quarter. This is based on a caseload of 1,200 households, which would include three certification workers and one clerical worker. These 1,200 households will average receiving $50,000.00 worth of free stamps per month; and,

Whereas, the County Court of Weakley County, Tennessee and in particular the Chairman of the Finance Committee and Budget Committee thereof, has also studied the Food Stamp Program and has recognized the advantages of such a program and now has under consideration its approval; and,

Whereas, it clearly appears that action of this nature on the part of the County Court would be altogether good and proper and in the best interest of all the people of Weakley County; and,

Therefore, Be It Unanimously Resolved By the Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee To The Weakley County Department of Public Welfare, As Follows:

1. That we extend to the County Court our expression of appreciation for their recognition of the need for a Food Stamp Program in Weakley County.

2. That we wholeheartedly and enthusiastically endorse action on the part of the County Court.

3. That we as individual citizens of Weakley County and as a Committee use every proper means of communicating, to the magistrates of Weakley County, individually, and as a body our unqualified support of their proposed action and that we urge them to go forward with the approval of such program.

4. That a copy of these Resolutions be entered upon the Minutes of theCitizens Admisory Committee and that a copy be filed with the County Court and that copies be furnished the press.

Citizens Advisory Committee
To Weakley County Department
Of Public Welfare

By, /s/ Katie L. Barber
(Mrs.) Guy Barber, Acting Chairman

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Motion was made by Esq. M. M. Roberts that the foregoing Resolution be approved by the Court, seconded by R. Y. Bushart. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Dalton Glover, Edd McClain, George Stover, Tom Farmer, Viron Beard, Buford Fuqua, H. L. Jolley, W. M. Stow, W. S. Buckley, Horace McWherter, Carey Foster, Gerald Woodard, R. Y. Bushart, Charles A. Roberts, M. R. Duke, Junius White, C. R. Castellaw, M. M. Roberts, Jack Huggins, W. E. Hornbeak, W. H. Dudley, George Hearn, R. K. Denning, Carlos Bridges, R. H. Pearson, A. A. McGuire, Hillman Westbrook, Robert Kennedy, Steve Nunn, D. Z. Grooms, Winton Scarbrough, J. T. Black, J. B. Argo, C. R. Reams, Harry Watts, M. A. Miles, Odis Carmichael, J. D. Taylor, E. L. Lemonds, Jack Jolley, John Workman, Brownlow Eaves.